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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2005, please amend the above identified application, as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. Claims 1-12, 30-32 stand canceled. Claims 13, 27 have been amended to independent form. The amendment leaves claims 13-29 pending.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.